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Friends,

It's been another busy week in the First District as we head into September with all of the fall events that are beginning to occur around CD1. This week was all about the Department of Recreation and Parks with the 125 Year Anniversary Celebration at Lincoln Park as well as the appointment by city council of Michael Shull as the General Manager of the department.

Also, Team Cedillo have been preparing all week on our free El Grito celebration of Mexican Independence Day at City Hall this Monday. The nights festivities will include a headlining performance by Cristian Castro. This is a free event that is open to the public. I hope you can join us to celebrate the rich Mexican heritage of Los Angeles.

Gilbert A. Cedillo
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Michael Shull Appointment

This week the City Council appointed Michael Shull as the official General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. He has been with our city for 20 years and I'm looking forward to working with Michael on future projects to improve access to our parks.

Grant Funding for our Parks

This week the Council authorized the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks to accept and receive the 2013 Housing-Related Parks Program grant award of \$8,221,950 from the CA Department of Housing and Community Development. I am pleased to announce that the First District projects funded are \$2,000,000 for MacArthur Park and \$100,000 for Toberman Recreation Center.



Recognition of Mexican Independence at Council

(photo credit: Louis Reyes)

I was pleased to present before the City Council, the Mexican Consul General, Carlos M. Sada and our El Grito performers, Cristian Castro, Mariachi Divas, and Sonora Santanera "Nueva Sangre" as we recognized the 204th anniversary of Mexican Independence since our city has a rich long heritage between our city and Mexico. I look forward to hosting our own "El Grito" celebration this Monday, September 15 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the steps of city hall on Spring Street. I hope you can join us.

FIELD UPDATE

My Office works with Coalition for Economic Survival Assists Tenants

My office asked the Coalition for Economic Survival (CES) to assist us at a meeting at the 302-unit Grand Plaza Senior Apartments in Chinatown on Aug 20. Tenants at this low-income government assisted building had received a 5% rent increase in June, which may be illegal. The Chinese-speaking tenants had also received a new lease agreement that was 43 pages and in English. CES' Director of Organizing Carlos Aguilar & Lead Affordable Housing Organizer Joel Montano participated in leading the meeting. Little Tokyo Service Center helped with translation.

Sharon Lowe, a member of Team Cedillo, thanked CES organizers for their help in saying, "You were all great and most definitely helped to put the tenants at ease and helped to de-stress them and put their fears to rest, which was the most important objective of last evening's meeting. They came away knowing they were not on their own, that they had the

support of CD 1 and that the City and State were in communications and working on their behalf, and they had CES tenant advocates alongside them to ensure their rights as tenants were protected. They also came away unified and with a constructive action plan."

Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival

(Photo Credit: Kris Ortega)

On Monday September 8, I presented moon cakes to the President and Board of the American Vietnam Chinese Friendship Association in Lincoln Heights. The ancient Chinese observed that the movement of the moon had a close relationship with changes of the seasons and agricultural production. Hence, to express their thanks to the moon and celebrate the harvest, they offered a sacrifice to the moon on autumn days.

Mt. Washington Elementary School Perform

(photo credit: Sylvia Robledo)

Music students from the Mt. Washington Elementary School performed beautifully at the Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance community meeting on September 8th. The residents of the Mt. Washington community were surprised and pleased with the fabulous music coming from these talented students. They performed Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star and the theme song from the Titanic. Good luck to these aspiring music aficionados with their continued success in their music education.

Remembering 9/11

(photo credit: Melinda Alatorre)

Thursday commemorated the 13th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on our county. Los Angeles City officials and community members gathered at the Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center in Elysian Park to celebrate the lives that were lost on that tragic day. Speakers included Mayor Eric Garcetti, LAFD Chief Ralph Terrazas, LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, and a keynote address from Lt. Paul Geidel, who is a retired fire fighter from New York FD Rescue 1 and lost his son at the World Trade Center. The event was filled with emotions and a reminder to never forget these lives that were so bravely sacrificed.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Invitation to Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee Meeting

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NELAart Artwalk with Highland Park Independent Film Festival

The Greyhound Bar and Grill debuts as a spot on the 2nd Saturday NELAart Artwalk Map this Saturday, September 9th as they team up with the Highland Park Independent Film Festival to screen the cult classic, *Reservoir Dogs* by Quentin Tarantino. Dubbed the "Greatest Independent Film of all Time" by *Empire* magazine, the action is set against several Highland Park landmarks. *Reservoir Dogs* is a fitting first film to screen in the newly formed collaboration between Film Festival and Neighborhood Bar.

NELAart Artwalkers will be able to come in for free and view the scenes of the cult hit while they enjoy the sounds of a DJ spinning themed music to the motion picture soundtrack. Not to be outdone, the mixologists at *The Greyhound* came up with two themed cocktails for the evening and rightfully so they are the "little green bag" and "Mr. Pink". The screening will begin at 8 pm.

The screening and collaboration precedes the 1st Annual Highland Park Independent Film Festival taking place on October 9 through October 12th. The Greyhound Bar and Grill is a title sponsor of this year's festival and will be hosting the opening night ceremonies on October 9th.

Festivities on Oct. 9 will kick off with a red Carpet event at 6 pm to tribute the recently announced exhibition film, "Water And Power" by Richard Montoya. The Highland Theater will open its doors at 7 pm and the screening will start at 8 pm followed by a question and answer with the filmmaker and a mixer at The Greyhound Bar and Grill.

More details about the event and a list of all the films screening in competition and exhibition

will be coming soon. Visit www.hpifilmfest.com for more information.

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